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Dear Parents and Carers

Residential visit to Dukeshouse Wood in autumn 2018

In September 2017 our current Year 4 pupils took part in our eighth residential visit to the Dukeshouse Wood outdoor adventure education centre near Hexham. We have arranged another visit for autumn 2018, when our current Year 3 pupils will be in Year 4.

Our visits to Dukeshouse Wood have always been extremely successful. The aim of the visit is to develop self esteem, self reliance and team work. It is a fabulous opportunity for learning beyond the classroom and possibly being away from home for the first time. The children will have the opportunity to take risks and face challenges in a safe and secure environment.

Examples of the activities that our children did in September were 3G swing, fencing, archery, shelter building, team challenge (an assault course for children), abseiling and indoor laser. They also sang songs around the campfire and had a movie night.

We have arranged a meeting to talk to you about the visit planned for autumn 2018, including the exciting range of activities, health and safety, accommodation and cost. We will also answer any questions that you may have. The meeting is on **Monday 27 November 2017 at 5:00pm** in the **Year 4 classroom**- PLEASE NOTE THE REVISED DATE. Year 3 pupils are welcome to attend the meeting with you. The meeting will be led by Mrs Bell and Mrs Knowles.

Please use the **Year 4 classroom door** to enter the building (walk down the drive off Barrass Avenue and come through the green gate next to the kitchen). A member of staff will be there to let you in. Please do not try to use any other entrances as they will be locked.

Fifteen out of fifteen children in the current Year 4 class went to Dukeshouse Wood in September, and it is our aim for all of our current Year 3 pupils to go on the visit in autumn 2018.

We hope you will be able to join us to find out about the visit and the exciting opportunities that it will offer your child.

Yours sincerely

Miss Chappell Headteacher